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U.S. Embassy Welcomes Release of 56 Political Prisoners

Yangon - The U.S. Embassy welcomes reports that 56 political prisoners were released October 8. To date, the Union Government has released more than 1,000 political prisoners.

We encourage the Government to continue to work expeditiously through the Political Prisoner Review Committee to address remaining cases to meet the commitment that President Thein Sein made to release all political prisoners by the end of 2013. We urge the Union Government to review cases of those detained under Section 18 of the Assembly Law to remove conditions placed on those already released, and to review and remove laws that are not consistent with Burma's international human rights commitments.

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